

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Thursday, August 14, 1729.

From the Flying Post, Aug. 7.

Dublin, July 26. The following Letter was sent to one of our eminent Statesmen, upon the calamitous Circumstances of the Poor of this Kingdom.

SIR,

AS you are seated on the Pinnacle of Honour, enjoying an Affluence of Fortune, the Eyes of the Distress'd are fix'd upon you, as the Patron of the Miserable: To you, as a Sanctuary, he flies, whose Misfortunes have bereaved him of all other Hope: His last Refuge is in you, as the faithful Steward of Heaven's Liberality. Let not therefore too much Prudence supersede your Charity; the Wicked and Innocent have Access to you: And no Man can distinguish between the one and the other by the outward Aspect.

There are who get large Possessions under the Mask of Poverty: Impudent Beggars, who make Trade of imposing on human Compassion, sporting in the humble Method of cheating People of their Money: And whilst they imagine it bestow'd on really indigent Persons, it is thrown away on Counterfeits, Villains and Infidels. While on the other hand, we see Objects of Pity, reduc'd to last Extremities, who'd rather perish than expose their Case to any save the Great and Noble; esteeming 'em generous, and considerate of th' Accidents common to Mortals: To such they unbosom themselves, tell their Wants, and claim Relief, without Hazard of Reproach, which wounds more cleverly than a short Denial. They're known by Modesty in their Faces, and are soon repulsed. To such we should give plentifully. 'Tis a profitable Merchandice sent to remote Counties; which tho' ventur'd on uncertain Waters, yet in time, by the special Blessing of Heaven, shall return with seven-fold Interest.

And rather than deny, we should give to All that ask; for it is better to misplace our Charity on unworthy Persons, than refuse to one truly indigent: For Charity should be conspicuous to All.

The French relate a pretty Passage of a Cardinal, a very pious Man, and one who by a Multitude of

generous Actions, was call'd *The Patron of the Poor*.

One Day a poor Widow, encourag'd by the Fame of his Generosity, came into the Hall of this Cardinal, with her only Daughter, a beautiful Maid, about 15. When it came to her Turn to be heard, the Cardinal discerning the Marks of an extraordinary Modesty in her Face and Carriage, and the Grief in her Daughter, encouraged her to tell her Wants freely. She blushing, and not without Tears, thus address'd him: 'My Lord, I owe for the Rent of my House 5 Crowns, and have no other means to pay it, save what would break my Heart; since my Landlord threatens me to it: That is, to procure to him this my only Daughter, whom I have hitherto with great Care educated in Vertue, and an Abhorrence of that Crime. I beg of your Eminence, that you would please to interpose your sacred Authority, and protect us from the Violence of this cruel Man, till by our Industry we can procure the Money.' The Cardinal moved with Admiration of her Vertue and Modesty, bid her be of good Courage, and immediately writ a Bill: 'Go, says he, to my Steward, and he'll give you 5 Crowns.' The poor Woman overjoy'd, went directly to the Steward, and gave him the Note; who paid her down 50 Crowns. She astonish'd, and fearing this was only to try her Honesty, refused to take above 5, being she had asked no more. The Steward insisted on his Master's Order; but all Arguments he could use, could not prevail on her to take more than 5 Crowns. Wherefore they returned both to the Cardinal; and when that munificent Prince was informed of the Affair, he said, 'Tis true, I wrote 50 Crowns: Give me the Paper, and I will rectify it. So much Candour and Vertue deserves a Recompence: Here, I have ordered you 500 Crowns; what you can spare of it, lay up as a Dowry for your Daughter.' Upon which he returned home the best satisfied Woman in the World.

I am, &c.

Wid's Letter verbatim; London, Aug. 9.

Since our last arrived a Mail from Holland.

'Tis discoursed that his Excellency Horatio Walpole Esq; will be created a Baronet; and 'tis now expected that large Entries will soon be made at the Customhouse, by our Merchants, of Woolen Manufactures and other Goods, for Spain and the W. Indies, and Trade in general restored to its former flourishing State, from the good News mentioned in our last. Agreeable to which there is a Letter from Cadix by the Holland Mail, dated the 2d Inst. N. S. which gives the following Advices, with which a Courier was dispatched by the French Ambassador to his Court, viz. That his Catholick Majesty gave Orders the 28th past for the delivering of the Effects brought by the Galleons, and that the Indulto thereon is to be 15 per Cent. and on those by the Quicksilver Ships 5 per Cent. That his Majesty has also ordered the Schedules to be given to the English S. S. Company, and that every thing shall be restored to them which concerns their Trade to the W. Indies, as to the Arrival of their Ships there, &c. So that all Affairs now manifestly tend to Peace.

'Tis judged by some, that the Article relating to the Succession of the Infant Don Carlos to the Dominions of Tuscany, &c. was the chief Expedient for removing the Obstacles to Peace. Mean time this, according to Letters from Vienna, is much resented by the Imperial Court; and 'tis said they are resolv'd strenuously to oppose th' Passage of Spanish Troops into Italy, because, as they say, the K. of Spain persists in sending thither a greater Number than is stipulated by the Treaty of London.

But after all, how could the Emperor act such an ungrateful and injurious Part as he has done to this Nation which had sacrificed so much Blood and Treasure to his Service; and we should not be sorry on that account to see the Tables turn'd upon him. 'Tis remark'd amongst other things, that the Spaniards at Barcelona are making a Bridge of Boats there, after the same Model with that which was built the time of the Sicilian Expedition.

'Tis advised by Letters from on board the Cornwall, that on the 5th Inst. the Earl of Litchfield, & next Day the Lord Castlemain, Alderman Child, and 3 or 4 Ladies of his Relations, dined with Sir Ch. Wager, and that Company begins to come as thick as ever to see the Fleet. They add, that one of the Dutch Men of War, named *The Province of Utrecht*, was gone to Portsmouth Harbour, to dock, and repair the Damage she had received by fire in the Cook-room, which is completed at 10 o'clock.

Yesterday Admiral Stewart set out for Portsmouth, to take upon him the Command of the Squadron appointed to relieve those Men of War who are now upon Duty in the W. Indies. A Governor will soon be appointed for the Colony of Carolina, and the Forts thereof repaired, and others erected, and such Care taken as to render it as useful as possible to the Inhabitants in general, and to this Nation in particular, being the finest Soil we have in America. The Duke of Newcastle is hourly expected in Town from his Seat in Sussex, as also some others of the Nobility.

The Letters brought by Mr. Sharpe the Messenger last Tuesday, from Mr. Keene at the Court of Spain, with the Draught of a Treaty for adjusting Matters between th' Allies of Hanover and the Spanish Court, as it had been concerted between the Ministers of the said Allies and those of that Crown, is confirmed by Authority, also the Delivery of the Effects of the Galleons, &c.

From the Evening Post, Aug. 9.

Paris, Aug. 9. The Reason of my not writing to you by last Post, was because I had nothing certain to send you; nor will I write, but when you may depend on the Truth of my News. A Person of Distinction having asked the Keeper of the Seals, Whether the Dispatches brought by Bannieres were decisive either for Peace or War? He answered, That the News he brought was pretty good. From which we conclude, that the Resolution of the Catholick King is not so satisfactory as we hop'd. The Enemies of Spain take occasion hence to say, That the Court of Spain endeavour only to gain Time, till the Season is so far advanced as to hinder the united Fleet to depart: I hope shortly to be informed, how the Courts of England and Holland will resent this Delay. The Ministers of Holland being Thursday last with Cardinal Fleury, told him, it was to be wish'd, as well for the Interest of France as of other Potentates, that the K. of Spain would forthwith deliver to private Persons the Effects of the Galleons; That if in 6 Weeks it was not done, there would be many more Bankruptcies, because Money is become scarce, and the present Uncertainty had brought Commerce to a languishing Condition.

London, Aug. 9. We hear Orders have been given for the Squadron under Sir Charles Wager, to take on board 8 Months Provision.

'Tis wrote from Curacao of the 21st June, that

a Spanish Privateer nam'd *The Maria*, had taken an English Snow with 200 Negroes on board; near S. Domingo, and brought her into St. Martha's. She was bound from Guinea to Jamaica. The Captain was dead, and the Mate who succeeded him was called Barry.

From the Whitchall Evening Post, Aug. 9.

Hamburg, Aug. 6. Here is a Rumour, that his Britannick Majesty designs to visit this City Incog.

London, Aug. 9. A Patent will shortly pass the Seals, to empower the Working to Profit the Silver, Lead and Brass Mines belonging to the Estate of Sir John Erskine, Baronet, in Scotland.

From the French Amsterdam Gazette, Aug. 16.

Paris, Aug. 10. The Letters from Spain of the 26th inst, do not confirm that his Catholick Majesty had ordered the Effects brought by the Galleons to be delivered out, nor did they know when it would be; and it was even said, that they would not be distribute till after the Flotilla is sailed from thence. It is likewise manifest, that the Report lately spread, touching the Peace being concluded with this Crown, was anticipate; since there is nothing signed, and that the Ministers of Spain have only found the last Proposals made, very agreeable and reasonable; and that they had promised thereupon to give his Majesty's decisive Answer against the 23d or 24th inst, and which should be sent by a Courier. But that Courier is not yet arrived.

From a Weekly Journal, Aug. 9.

Our Advices from Paris take notice, that of late all the Cry was *Peace*; but now the Tone is a little changed: And since the Publick has received a little Light into the Affair, it appears extremely obscure. In short, we may use the Words of the Poet, that there is a Darkness visible in the Accounts they give us of it: It does not only seem clogged with Difficulties, but even Inconsistencies; and if some of the Conditions, which are supposed to be the Basis of it, be really true, they are such as cannot be granted either with Honour or Safety by one of the Parties concerned: And therefore we may venture to say, that Peace is not so certain.

Edinburgh, Aug. 14. Last Week his Majesty's Justices of the Peace (upon an Information from the Stamp-master) fined several Persons of 5 l. sterl. each, for bleaching and whitening Linnen-cloth with Lime; who were severally imprisoned till Payment of the same, and incapacitate to bleach for Two Years to come.

Yesterday after Noon, the Honourable JAMES GRANT of GRANT, Esq; arrived in this City, from London.

Yesterday about 2 o'clock after Noon, some People handling a loaded Piece in a Shop off the Street, the same went off, and kill'd a poor Man who was occasionally passing by to his Work. The Magistrates, with his Majesty's Solicitor, having took a Precognition, are in quest of the Actor or Actors.

Leith, Aug. 13. On Monday the *Grizel* of Leith, William Weems, sailed hence for the Mediterranean. On Tuesday a small Bark came in, James Borthwick Master, came in with Meal from the North. Yesterday arrived the *Hope* of --- Martin Brasmus, from Norway; also the *Margaret* of Sandie, John Dennison, from Newcastle; as did an open boat with Meal from the North; likewise the *William and Elizabeth* of Inverness, John Mackenzie, from Norway. Yesterday sailed the *Margaret* of Leith, James Orem, with Tobacco, for Rotterdam.

This Day (being the 1st of the Moon) 'tis High Water at Leith at 2 o'Clock, 18 Min. Tomorrow, at 3, 6 Min. Saturday, at 3, 54 Min.

ADVERTISEMENT.

¶ We whose Names are hereto subjoin'd, being resolved to preserve the GAME within our respective Bounds, do hereby forbid all Persons whatsoever to hunt, shoot, or otherwise to destroy the Game: And we do further certify, That we are resolved to put the Laws for the Preservation of the Game strictly in execution, and that we have given Orders to our Tenants and Servants, to seize the Guns, Nets and Dogs of such People as are found destroying the Game: And we do hereby promise a Reward of Three Guineas to the Apprehender or Apprehenders of such Persons as shall be convicted according to Law, to be paid by Baillie Clerk at Gilmerton.

The Lord Somervell.

Sir Alex. Gilmour of Craigmillar.

Sir James Stewart of Goodwood.

Andrew Wauchop of Niddery.

Andrew Wauchop of Edmondston.

John Baird of Newbyth.

¶ That the Lands and Estate of BALKETHLY, holding Feu of the Abpk. of St. Andrew's, and lying in the Parish of Dunmenno and Sheriffdom of Fife, paying yearly of free Rent to the Master, 16 Bolls, 1 Peck, 2 Lippies Bear; 3 Bolls, 2 Lippies Meal, 16 Bolls Oats, and 339 l. 2 sh. 8 d. Money: Are to be exposed to Sale by voluntary Roup, in the House of Mistress Clark Vintner in St. Andrew's, on the First Tuesday of October next. The Rental and Progress may be seen in the Hands of JOHN PILMURE Writer in St. Andrew's.

¶ That on Tuesday the 26th of August Inst. at 10 o'Clock before Noon, at the Earl of Leven's House of Balgonie in Fife, will be exposed to Roup the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of Balgonie, consisting of Beds, Feather



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beds, Blankets, Chairs, fine Arras Hangings, Cabinets, Tables, Chimneys, Pendulum Clocks, Brewing-rooms, &c. The Roup to be continued till all is sold. The Buyers may have Trust to Martinmas upon sufficient Security, or 5 per Cent. Discount ready Money.

¶ That the good Ship, *The Diligent of Leith*, a Sloop rigged, Burden about 40 Tons, British built, Capt. William Wood Commander, is to be exposed to Sale by voluntary Roup, on the Tenth of September next, in Leith, in the House of George Allan, betwixt the Hours of 2 and 4 after Noon. The Inventory may be seen in the Laigh Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, in Brody's Coffeehouse, Leith, and in the House of George Allan, at the Sign of the Ship, on the Shore of Leith, in the Hands of said Capt. Wood.

†† Betwixt the 20th and 30th of July last, there was found betwixt the Queensferry and Edinburgh, a LETTER CASE, with some Bills and Bank-notes of Value. Whoever wants the same, may enquire at *Thomas Tod* Clerk of Musselburgh, who will direct the Proprietor where he may recover the same; on his paying Incidents, with a discreet Premium to the Finder, and on giving the right Tokens of his Property.

††† The Trustees for the Creditors of the deceased JAMES BROWNHILL, do hereby give notice to all the said Creditors, to come in and prove their Accounts due to them by the Defunct, and to take out their Decree of Cognation on or before the First of September next: With Certification, That the Trustees will then proceed to raise their general Charge and Constitution against the Defunct's Heirs, in order to adjudge and affect his heritable Estate; whereby those Creditors who neglect to prove and cognosce their Debts, will lose the Benefit of that Diligence, in the Person of the Trustees.

¶ That a large black flagged HOUND, with some grey Hairs about the Ears, was lost betwixt Dryden and Carnwath. Any who will return the said Dog to *George Lockhart* younger of Carnwath, shall have Two Guineas Reward, and no Questions ask'd.

†† That the *West Mains* of DUNNINGTON in the Parish of Dunnington and Shire of Edinburgh, of 449 Merks of yearly Rent, holding Feu of the Crown, and two Thirds of it inclos'd; With the *Fourth Storey* above the Shops on the South-side of the Plat of PATERSON'S LAND, alias *Deacon Stot's Land*, in the Parliament-close, with *Two Rooms* at the Top of the Stair, a *Garret*, a *little dark Room* and *Two Cellars*, of 600 Merks yearly Rent: ARE to be exposed separately to Sale by a voluntary Roup, in the House of Mrs. Thom Vintner in Edinburgh, on Friday the 15th of August inst. at 3 o' Clock after Noon. The Progress is to be seen in the Hands of Mr. Hugh Sommervell Writer to the Signet, at Mr. House on the North-side of the Street, a little below the Cross, Edinburgh.

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By Order of the Trustees for the Creditors of the Earl of NORTHESK:

All the Creditors who have signed the *Submission*, and have not yet produc'd their Claims and Grounds of Debt in the Hands of the Clerk to the *Submission*, are ordered to do the same betwixt and the *Fifteenth Day of September next*. And now that all the Estates disposed to the Trustees are sold; and in order to the Creditors their being Ranked upon the Prices and Produce thereof, the whole Creditors, heritable and moveable, are hereby desir'd to Depone upon the Verity of their Debts betwixt and the *First Day of October next* before the Arbiters, at Edinburgh, at the Writing-chamber of William Forbes Writer to the Signet, in the Parliament Close. And if any of the Creditors who live at a Distance, and cannot conveniently come to Edinburgh to depone, shall, by a *Missive-letter* or otherwise, acquaint the Clerk of their Place of Residence, proper Commissions shall be made out and sent them, for their deposing before Commissioners in the Country: With Certification to those who shall fail to produce their Grounds of Debt, and depone as above, That the Trustees will proceed to Rank the other Creditors, as if those who shall so fail, were not Creditors. And as to those Creditors who have not thought fit to sign the *Submission*; they are hereby desired, betwixt and the *First of October next*, to acquaint the Clerk, by a *Missive-letter* or otherwise, of the Extent of their Debts, Principal and Annualrents, and how vouched; and if they please, they may be then informed of the Situation of the Creditors Affairs, and Management of the Trust: Which 'tis hop'd will give Satisfaction to all concerned.

Advertisement from the Trustees of MERCHISTON, BLAIR and LETHAM.

The TRUSTEES having prepared all things for a Sale of the Lands of Merchiston, resolve, That the Ranking shall be immediately finished, that so a Dividend may be made without Delay, when the Money comes to be paid: This is therefore to advertise all the Creditors of the respective common Debtors, that they forthwith Depone before the ARBITERS upon the Verity of their Debts; and for that Purpose, Attendance will be given by the Arbiters in John's Coffeehouse, upon each Friday and Wednesday in the Week (betwixt the Hours of 4 and 5 in the Afternoon) till the Middle of August, for taking the Creditors Oaths; who are intreated to come in Speedily for that purpose, that so their own Affairs may not be prolonged. Such as cannot come in, may apply to the Arbiters, by their Doers, for a Commission; which will be granted, if they shew a reasonable Cause or Impediment why they cannot come in to depone at Edinburgh.

¶ Just now come home a Parcel of *Fine Limons*, to be sold at JOHN GRANT'S Shop at the Head of the Covenant-close; *Piermont* and *Spaw Waters*, *Orange Wine*, and *rich Canary*, directly from the Canaries, with *Grocery Goods* of all Kinds, at reasonable Rates.